Missing files from funding organisations

2433. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of massive financial scandal involving public money revealed by his own office "Council of Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART)" wherefrom 4000 files pertaining to unaccounted funds running into hundreds of crores were missing from funding organisations;

(b) if so, the details of missing record files, year-wise and amount - wise, till date; and

(c) whether Government have so far examined feasibility of a Central law for registration of NGOs so as to look into numerous complaints regarding outdated ways of funding schemes, arbitrary procedures and misuse of funds by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) After physical verification of files at Headquarters/Regional Centres of CAPART, it has been noticed that 4,719 project files shown as ongoing in the electronic data base are not physically present in the various Divisions of Headquarters and in the Regional Centres of CAPART. In order to reconcile the discrepancy between the files physically present in various Divisions/Regional Centres of CAPART and the files shown in CAPART data base, the services of an external independent agency *viz.* a reputed Chartered Accountant firm have been engaged. The details of the files and amount involved, if any, will be known only after the report of the agency is received.

(c) No, Sir.

Funds allocated and spent for rural development in Rajasthan

2434. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated and spent for rural development, under various schemes, during past three years, till date, in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the various schemes, their performance and outcome;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to allocate more funds to Rajasthan, for providing potable water, sanitation facilities, housing etc. to all the rural habitations, in a time-frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Central allocation, funds utilized and outcome under major schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development in Rajasthan during the last three years *i.e.* 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and in the current financial year up to June, 2007 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The allocation of funds to the States under various schemes is done in accordance with their guidelines and criteria laid down.